

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

**Call to Order:** Chair Edward Buttrey, on January 5, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 422  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Edward Buttrey, Chair (R)  
Sen. Dee Brown, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Pat Connell (R)  
Sen. Tom Facey (D)  
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)  
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)  
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)  
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)  
Sen. Frank Smith (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Linda Keim, Committee Secretary  
Jameson Walker, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 56, 1/2/2017; SB 70, 1/2/2017; SB 25, 1/2/2017

00:01:32 Chairman Buttrey

**HEARING ON SB 56**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:55 Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB 56.  
Revise sunset dates related to funding of prescription drug registry.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:53 Judy Bovington, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

[EXHIBIT\(bus04a01\)](#)

00:05:17 Starla Blank, chair, Board of Pharmacy, (DLI)

00:07:45 Stuart Doggett, Montana Pharmacy Association (MPA)

00:08:38 Jean Branscum, CEO, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

00:10:14 Mike Foster, representing five Catholic Hospitals in Montana

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:11:23 Todd Younkin, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

00:11:38 Marcie Bough, Board of Pharmacy, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:11:59 Sen. Connell

00:12:03 Ms. Bovington, DLI

00:12:31 Sen. Connell

00:12:48 Ms. Bovington

00:13:16 Sen. Connell

00:13:31 Ms. Bovington

00:13:35 Sen. Connell

00:14:14 Ms. Bovington

00:14:26 Sen. Facey

00:14:44 Ms. Blank

00:15:01 Sen. Facey

00:15:14 Ms. Blank

00:15:35 Sen. Facey

00:15:39 Ms. Blank

00:15:53 Chairman Buttrey

00:16:12 Sen. MacDonald, redirect

00:16:23 Ms. Bovington

00:17:04 Chairman Buttrey

00:17:10 Ms. Bovington

00:18:01 Sen. Facey

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:18:47 Sen. MacDonald  
00:20:27 Chairman Buttrey  
00:20:53 Brief Recess  
00:29:05 Reconvene

**HEARING ON SB 70**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:29:20 Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D), SD 39, opened the hearing on SB 70. Add member to Board of Optometry.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:31:54 Judy Bovington, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)  
[EXHIBIT\(bus04a02\)](#)  
00:32:49 Pete Fontana, public member, Board of Optometry, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)  
00:35:14 Marcus Kelley, optometrist, professional member, Board of Optometry, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:36:12 Todd Younkin, Business Standards Division, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:36:31 Sen. Facey  
00:36:36 Mr. Younkin, DLI  
00:36:41 Sen. Facey  
00:36:46 Mr. Younkin  
00:36:53 Chairman Buttrey  
00:37:07 Mr. Younkin  
00:37:50 Sen. Facey  
00:37:53 Mr. Younkin  
00:38:07 Sen. Connell  
00:38:52 Mr. Fontana, DLI  
00:40:21 Sen. Connell  
00:40:46 Mr. Fontana, redirect  
00:41:24 Ms. Bovington, DLI  
00:41:36 Chairman Buttrey  
00:41:43 Ms. Bovington

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:41:51 Sen. Vuckovich

**HEARING ON SB 25**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:42:57 Sen. Mark Blasdel (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SB 25. Generally revise gaming laws

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(bus04a03\)\*\*](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:46:25 Angela Nunn, administrator, Gambling Control Division, Montana Department of Justice (DOJ)

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(bus04a04\)\*\*](#)

00:52:45 Neil Peterson, Gaming Industry Association of Montana

00:55:02 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association

00:55:29 Tom Figarelli, vice president, Special Olympics Montana

00:58:53 Carin McClain, Montana's Credit Union Network

01:00:48 Jim Brown, Montana Independent Community Banks

01:01:28 Nick Gevock, conservation director, Montana Wildlife Federation, also representing Wild Sheep Foundation, National Wild Sheep Foundation

01:02:40 Mark Lambrecht, director, Government Affairs, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

01:04:38 Steve Turkiewicz, Montana Independent Bankers Association (MIBA)

01:05:09 Kelly O'Sullivan, deputy commissioner, Division of Banking and Financial Institutions, Department of Administration (DOA)

01:05:41 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(bus04a05\)\*\*](#)

01:07:37 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Coin Machine Operators

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

01:12:38 Liz Moore, Montana Non-Profit Association

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:15:09 Sen. Connell

01:15:22 Ms. Nunn, DOJ

01:17:06 Sen. Facey

01:17:09 Steve Turkiewicz, MIBA

01:17:32 Chairman Buttrey

01:17:36 Sen. Facey

01:17:44 Chairman Buttrey

01:18:10 Ms. Nunn

01:18:27 Chairman Buttrey  
01:18:32 Ms. Nunn  
01:19:18 Chairman Buttrey  
01:19:28 Ms. Nunn

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:19:41 Sen. Blasdel  
01:20:50 Chairman Buttrey

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 9:23 A.M.

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Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([bus04aad.pdf](#))